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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Joël CROUZET *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/369,883

Filed: August 9, 1999

For: FORMULATION OF
STABILIZED CATIONIC
TRANSFECTION
AGENT(S)/NUCLEIC
ACID PARTICLES



Group Art Unit: 1643

Examiner: Unassigned

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examination of this application on the merits, kindly enter the following amendment.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 21 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 1-20, 22-25, and 27-37, and enter new claims 38-51 as follows:

1. (Amended.) [Composition useful in gene therapy] A composition comprising stabilized particles [of cationic transfection agent(s)/nucleic acid complexes, characterized in that it incorporates, in addition,] comprising a complex of at least one cationic transfection agent and a nucleic acid, and at least one nonionic surface-active

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